

AGENDA
For the Special Meeting of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee
To be held in Council Chambers
Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 measures, Saanich is unable to accommodate the public for any Council, Committee of the Whole, Advisory, Board or Foundation meetings while maintaining the limits on large gatherings due to the Public Health Order.

As per the Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, *Emergency Program Act*, Ministerial Order No. M192, public attendance at the meeting is not required if it cannot be accommodated in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the *Public Health Act*.

To register to hear this meeting by telephone, please email council@saanich.ca or telephone 250-475-5501. You are asked to provide your name and an email address where instructions can be sent to you, along with the name and date of the advisory committee meeting you wish to hear. The registration deadline is 12:00 p.m. noon on the day of the meeting.

- 4:00 p.m. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 4:05 p.m. CHAIR’S REMARKS**
- 4:15 p.m. ARTS PROGRAMMING & COMMUNITY ARTS INITIATIVES**
- B. Weatherston, Community Arts Specialist
- 4:30 p.m. SAANICH HERITAGE FOUNDATION UPDATE**
- M. Squires, Planner (Community Planning)
- 4:45 p.m. PUBLIC ART UPDATES**
- N. Kawata, Planner (Community Planning)
- 5:00 p.m. SAANICH ARCHIVES REPORT**
- Written update by E. Wolfe, Archivist
- 5:15 p.m. COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE**
- Committee Discussion

* Adjournment *
Next Meeting: November 19, 2020

Saanich Archives Report to ACH Committee

Evelyn Wolfe, Archivist
23 September 2020

Archives Reopening Status

After the flood in our facility which occurred in August of 2019, restoration work in the Archives part of the building was completed in December. Archives staff then began the work of unpacking and reorganizing the collections and the office areas. We finished that work early in the New Year, but the Archives could not reopen until the library branch was also ready. The grand reopening of both the Saanich Centennial Library and Saanich Archives was set for March 31, but unfortunately it had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

Currently, Archives staff are handling inquiries by phone and email only. Because the entrance to the Archives is inside the library facility, we have worked with library staff to devise a way to move our visitors safely past library staff and patrons, through the library space to the Archives. The Archives safety plan is still under review at the time of writing, but I am hopeful that we will be able to start welcoming visitors on a limited basis (1 at a time, by appointment) very soon.

Recent Archives Activities

Online resources added

During this period of closure, we've been expanding our online presence in order to raise our profile and connect with the community.

Our article entitled **How did Panama Flats get its name?** was shared on social media, which prompted the local CBC Radio afternoon show to interview staff member Suzanne Hervieux about the history of Panama Flats. The article is now available on the Collections and Research page of our website. <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/collections-research.html>

Two online exhibits for the **Quadra and the North Quadra Local Areas** have been shared on our website and on social media. These are the first 2 exhibits in our **Local Areas Online Exhibits series**. A great source of information for both long-time residents and newcomers, each installment focuses on one of the twelve Local Areas in Saanich, and highlights some of the key people, organizations and events that played a role in shaping the community we know today.

In 2019, the Saanich Fire Department celebrated its centennial, and Saanich Archives collaborated with the Fire Department to create an exhibit in honour of this milestone. An online version of the exhibit **Saanich Fire Department, 1919-2019** is now available on the Archives website.

A virtual exhibit, created from Saanich Archives' Heritage Week exhibit **Diverse Saanich: Early Settlement on the Saanich Peninsula**, was recently added to our website.

All of these online exhibits can be found here:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/archives/exhibits.html>

If Committee members have any questions, or would like to receive the Archives newsletter, you're welcome to contact us at archives@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5494 ext. 3478.